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### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electrical cord securing device comprising;

a replacement outlet cover configured with at least one hole located on opposite sides of an outlet wherein each hole has at least one louvered tab to prevent objects from being passes through the holes;

a substantially rectangular plug retainer that surrounds at least a portion of an electrical cord where the plug retainer is installed in the replacement outlet cover by pushing the plug retainer into the replacement outlet cover and removed by pressing in on the sides of the plug retainer to disengage the plug retainer from the outlet cover.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The electrical cord securing device replacement outlet component from claim 1 where the replacement outlet component has holes placed on opposing sides of each outlet.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original) The holes from claim 2 where the holes are rectangular.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The electrical cord securing device from claim 1 further includes a raised area located on the back side of the holes that require the user to press the plug retainer into the outlet before the plug retainer ~~power cord retaining device~~ can be removed.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The electrical cord securing ~~power cord retaining~~ device from claim 1, wherein the plug retainer has tabs located on the sides of the plug retainer. ~~power cord retaining device.~~

Claim 7 (original) The tabs from 6, where the tabs are rectangular

Claim 8 (original) The tabs from claim 7 include detents that require the user to press the sides of the plug retainer down and inward to release the plug retainer from the replacement outlet cover.

Claim 9 (original) The plug retainer from claim 1 where the plug retainer includes a slot where a power cord can be placed through the slot.

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Claim 10 (original) The slot in claim 9 where the slot is capable of retaining the power cord.

Claim 11 (original) The tabs from claim 6 where the tabs are shaped such that when the plug retainer cannot be collapsed.

Claim 12 (original) The tabs from claim 6 further include raised, lowered or textured surface located on the sides of the tabs.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The electrical cord securing power-cord-retaining device from claim 6 further includes at least one spacer that can be used to further secure a the power cord within the plug retainer power-cord-retaining-component.

Claim 14 (currently amended) A method of retaining an electrical cord in an electrical outlet, the method comprising:

placing an electrical cord through a slot in a one piece plug retainer;

inserting the plug into an electrical outlet;

pressing the one piece plug retainer into a replacement electrical outlet cover until tabs located on at least one side of the one piece plug retainer spread and lock into the replacement outlet cover.

Claim 15 (original) The method of claim 14 further includes that the removal of the plug retainer from the electrical outlet cover requires the user first press the plug retainer into the electrical outlet cover then depress at least one tab before removing the plug retainer.

Claim 16 (original) The method from claim 14 further includes use of a spacer to fill improve retention of the plug in an electrical outlet.

Claims 17-20 (canceled)